

# CEASE AND DESIST

**On May 2, 2011**, California medical cannabis patients Dr. Molly Fry and her husband, Dale Schafer, will surrender themselves to federal authorities to each serve five-year mandatory minimum sentences in federal prison for cultivating medical cannabis. They were targeted for helping members of their community who suffer severe, debilitating conditions.

This is just the latest example of the U.S. federal government targeting patients and interfering with the medical cannabis programs in 15 states, despite President Obama's promises to respect state law.

DEA raids and other forms of federal intimidation and interference continue to plague patients in California, Colorado, Michigan, Montana, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Nevada.

Despite the increasing number of states that recognize the legitimate therapeutic and palliative benefits of medical cannabis, the Obama Administration continues to subvert state rights in favor of an inhumane policy that denies the scientific consensus on the medical uses of cannabis.

With over a million Americans now utilizing state medical cannabis programs, this continued harassment presents a state of emergency. Raids and threats from this administration are a direct attack on democracy in states that have implemented sound, safe and responsible laws.

For decades, we have urged federal policies that recognize scientific evidence and patient experience. Federal raids, prosecutions, intimidation, and harassment of the medical cannabis community are unreasonable and contrary to the will of the American people, who overwhelmingly favor safe, legal access to medical cannabis. We are sick and tired, but we are organized and have the support of 80% of the public.

THEREFORE, it is time to end this war on patients, let science lead public policy, and allow states to protect their most vulnerable citizens.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** by American for Safe Access and others who stand in solidarity with patients and their providers that all persons acting under the authority of the U.S. federal government **CEASE AND DESIST** from interfering with State laws, and create policies that protect medical cannabis patients from further harm.

## ENFORCEMENT POLICY

TAKE NOTICE that, effective immediately, any person who interferes with medical cannabis patients and/or their providers will be subject to coordinated grassroots response by the public at large in local and national forums.